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## SPRING FASHION

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ANTIQUES AND GARDEN SHOW, WINTER LIGHTS,  
HEART GALA AND MORE

# Color, color everywhere

*Antiques and Garden Show brightens our day*

**A**s the drab, grey days of winter grow longer, everyone's thoughts turn to spring. And what better way to get ready for a change of season than by going to the Antiques and Garden Show of Nashville? This year, think color—lots of color.

Thanks to Debbie Best and Sarah Bartholomew, this year's co-chairs, for recognizing we all need more color in our lives. "Collective Color" was the bright theme for this year's show and color was everywhere! Gardens bloomed, paintings and prints dripped rich tones, and on-trend party-goers wore shades of reds, oranges and pinks.

Michael Bruno, founder of Istdibs.com, was host for the night's festivities. He was a perfect match for this event! The Show and his site offer beautiful antiques, jewelry and fine art. His online store motto, "The most beautiful things on earth," is certainly befitting both. If you have not been to his addictive website, visit soon.

The preview party is consistently one of the most fun events every year, and it's certainly the biggest. Party co-chairs, Caroline Bartholomew, Vicki Bartholomew and Laurel Buntin, kept the fun and made the huge space seem inviting. It was as easy to find the food and bars as it was to find your friends among the aisles of antiques and gardens.

For the first time in the Show's history, Cheekwood took center stage—literally—as the entry garden. Troy Marden, of Gardens, and Phillipe Chadwick and Leigh Anne Lomax, Cheekwood horticulture geniuses, brought the gardens to the Convention Center.

Guests walked through the newly-restored Kerrigan gates down a path to a mini version of the reflecting pool. Suspended over the glass-like pool were living sculptures by Mathilde Roussel. The avant-garde artist created the forms specifically for the garden using



Co-chair Sarah and Bo Bartholomew with Thomas, Sam, Lilly and Charlotte



Vicki Bartholomew, Laurel Buntin, Caroline Bartholomew



Kathy Rolfe, Betsy Wilt, Cathy Shell



Leigh Anne Lomax, Jennie McCabe, Jane Offenbach, Cayce Joyce



Kelsay Best, co-chair Debbie and Buddy Best



Murielle Abeger, Mary Bairstow



Eddie Ross, Jaithan Kocher



Troy Marden, Phillipe Chadwick, Ben Harville

among other things, wheat grass. See more of these works at Cheekwood when the Roussel exhibit arrives on March 24.

The Cheekwood garden was full of activity. Debbie was joined by her husband Buddy and daughter Kelsay. (Katie flew in the next day.) It was hard to miss the blue-eyed, tow-headed crew of four surrounding Sarah and husband, Bo.

Speaking of families, Sissy McAlister and her brood were present and accounted for. At Alcott Interiors, Carolyn Kendall enlisted the help of her sisters, Christie Andrews and Debbie Mathews. And newly-wed Catherine Snow of Lumen assisted her dad in his antiques booth, Simmons-Leonce.

The beauty of the Antiques and Garden Show is not just seen in the lush gardens, gleaming furniture and shiny jewelry. The Show proceeds go to the continued preservation of Cheekwood's art and gardens and to the children's charities supported by the Exchange Club Charities. You can feel good about enjoying this party all year long. *HH*

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Co-chair Sarah Bartholomew, Michael Bruno, co-chair Debbie Best



Sherry Andrews, Laura Lonergan, Sandy Sangervasi



Steven and Shannon Cook, Marianne and Andrew Byrd



Kate Ezell, Nicki Weaver, Anne Whetsell



Brian Jackson, Roger Moore



Basia Duris, Rick Fusco, George Gatewood, Vance Evans



Jane Sloan, Paul and Beth Moore, Elaine Sullivan